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1. U.S. Patent App. No. 10/300,723, filed November 19, 2002, Applicant Sie et al., Attorney Docket No. 019281-002010US, published as US-2003/0124973 A1 on August 3, 2003;

2. U.S. Patent App. No. 10/300,682, filed November 19, 2002, Applicant Sie et al., Attorney Docket No. 019281-002020US, published as US-2003/0126595 A1 on August 3, 2003; and

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3. U.S. Patent App. No. (Not yet assigned), filed April 13, 2004, Applicant Sie et al., Attorney Docket No. 019281-002030US.

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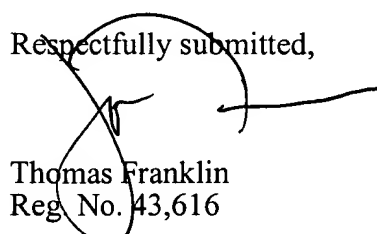
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